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Congressman Dent co-sponsors bill to provide better background checks of educators

U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) today hailed passage of legislation he cosponsored to provide better criminal background checks for educators and others who work with children. H.R. 4894 passed with overwhelming bipartisan support.

The bill provides for certain access to national crime information databases by schools and educational agencies for employment purposes.

“Too often we find out that an educator or other professional we trust with our children is someone with a problematic past,” Congressman Dent said. “This provision will allow our schools to better screen their employees for potential problems before it’s too late.”

The bill protects the privacy of job applicants by assuring that information gleaned is reported only to the potential employer or to appropriate law enforcement officials.

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